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SANDOVAL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
LOCATION: ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING COMMISSION CHAMBERS
1500 IDALIA ROAD, BUILDING D.
BERNALILLO, NM 87004
MAY 6, 2021 – 6 P.M.
AMENDED

Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Emergency declared by Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham and the limit on the maximum number of persons gathering, except for essential functions, the County Board of Commissioner's Meeting is closed to the public. It may be viewed on the County's website at www.sandovalcountynm.gov.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Heil called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m. Present were Chairman Heil, Vice Chairman Meek, Commissioner Bruch, Commissioner Block, and Commissioner Eichwald.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND NEW MEXICO PLEDGE**

Pledge of allegiance and the New Mexico pledge was led by Chairman Heil.

3. **CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

(David J. Heil, Chairman)

Chairman Heil stated as previously noticed pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(2), "Limited Personnel Matters," the Sandoval County Board of Commissioner convened as a Committee of the Whole in Closed Session for the purpose of interviewing and selecting candidates for the position of Sandoval County Attorney on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. The Closed Session was conducted in the 3rd Floor County Commission Chambers or Conference Room, County Administration Building, 1500 Idalia Road, Bernalillo, NM, with some or all of the participants appearing through electronic means.

The Sandoval County Board of Commissioners convened as a Committee of the Whole in Closed Session, either in person or electronically, to discuss bargaining strategy preliminary to collective bargaining negotiations and to discuss the matters subject to the attorney-client privilege pertaining to threatened litigation against the County Commission pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978, §§10-15-1(H)(2), (5) and (7) at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 6, 2021, in the 3rd Floor Conference Room, County Administration Building, 1500 Idalia Road, Bernalillo, NM.

No final action was taken during the both Closed Sessions.

4. **INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Block welcomed law enforcement professionals and the Sheriff and stated he looked forward to hearing the awards presented by the Sheriff. Commissioner Block welcomed the riders and expressed his appreciation for them joining the meeting. Commissioner Block discussed the great news at Intel and asked Chairman Heil discuss the event further because the Chairman was the only one able to attend because of COVID restrictions. Commissioner Block discussed the news benefiting Rio Rancho and Sandoval County for \$3.5 billion dollars investment from Intel. Commissioner Block mentioned what a great community partner Intel has been for roughly 40 years and this investment will bring hundreds of new jobs and indirect jobs. He mentioned the average compensation is roughly \$120 thousand in wages and does not include benefits. He mentioned the Census data and said it is welcomed because of the slow growth rate in the State.

Commissioner Eichwald mentioned this week is Teacher appreciation week and he thanked all the teachers for the work they do in the community across the state. Especially for the work they've done during the pandemic. He mentioned the countless hours that goes into virtual learning. He asked the community to tell teachers how much they are appreciated. Commissioner Eichwald mentioned this May has been designated as Asian American and Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders Heritage Month especially in light of the recent and ongoing attack on Americans we need to remember to treat everyone with respect and civility. There is no place in America for discrimination of and certainly not towards any persons.

Commissioner Bruch discussed Arbor Earth Day and mentioned she was joined by The County Clerk in Algodones. She really appreciated Clerk Brady-Romero joining her. She thanked the Mayor Torres of the Town of Bernalillo for hosting an annual event where they provide seeds for trees and mentioned they went extremely quickly in 30 minutes. Commissioner Bruch discussed Native American awareness day with regards to the efforts being made to the bring awareness to the crisis of violence around indigenous women and children. She mentioned the victimization has been at astonishing rates and expressed concern. She mentioned the Sheriff's Office is ensuring they increase communications with tribal communities around this issue. Commissioner Bruch mentioned there will be another vaccine clinic in the Town of Bernalillo on May 13, 2021 and asked people to check the website for more details. Commissioner Bruch discussed early voting for the First Congressional District and encouraged the community to vote and mentioned most of her district is the Congressional District One.

Chairman Heil mentioned it was a pleasure to represent the County at Intel's expansion announcement and prior to the announcement. He expressed his excitement with the 700 news jobs and thousands of contractor jobs and the trickle-down jobs with people spending in the community and buying homes.

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Vice Chair Meek made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Eichwald. Commissioner Bruch, Commissioner Block, Commissioner Eichwald, Vice Chair Meek and Chair Heil voted yes. Motion passed unanimously.

6. PRESENTATIONS & PROCLAMATIONS

A. Sandoval County Sheriff department Awards and Retirement presentation.

(Jesse James Casaus, Sheriff)

Sheriff Casaus thanked the County Commission, County Manager, HR Director, Finance, and the County Attorney for their support and keeping the Sheriff's Office safe. He thanked Emergency Manager Seth Muller for securing PPE supplies and vaccines for the deputies and his team for their support. Sheriff Casaus said in general crime rates dropped in 2020 in categories such as assaults, burglaries, and various property crimes have dropped significantly compared to previous years due to the excellent work of the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Casaus recognized the deputies nominated for their outstanding work: Brian Espinoza, Anthony Armijo, Luke Osborn, Patrick Hein, Philip Montano, Diana Valencia, and Sargent Orland Carrillo. Sheriff Casaus presented the 2021 Deputy of the Year to Deputy Luke Osborn and asked his family to join him for the award. He was nominated by 3 Sergeant's and was supported by 2 Lieutenant's, 3 Sergeant's and 1 Deputy. They cited him as a dedicated team player, has a strong moral compass, high integrity, and has a positive effect on his peers and community in his nomination. Sheriff Casaus stated Deputy Osborn is always up for a challenge and takes pride in his profession and represents the Sheriff's Office well. As a firearms instructor he has worked diligently to help Deputies improve their firearms proficiency.

Sheriff Casaus presented Sergeant Audeliz Nieves with Distinguished Service Award and discussed a high-speed pursuit and crashed into Sergeant Nieves.

Sheriff Casaus presented the Sheriff's Meritorious Service Award to Lieutenant Peters, Sergeant Dunnway, Deputy Armijo, and Deputy Valencia.

Sheriff Casaus recognized Sergeant Karri Estrada, Sergeant Robert Marshall, and Detective Eric Miller on their retirement.

Vice Chairman Meek thanked the law enforcement for exemplary service and Sheriff Casaus.

Commissioner Block thanked the deputies, retirees and their families for their service to Sandoval County.

Chairman Heil thanked the Sheriff's Deputies for their service.

B. Proclamation- Designating the Month of May as Motorcycle Awareness Month.

(Sponsored by District 2 Commissioner Jay C. Block)

Commissioner Block presented the proclamation designating the Month of May as Motorcycle Awareness Month. The organization thanked the Commission for the proclamation and discussed the injuries caused to riders and the difference it makes to share the road. Commissioner Block read the proclamation.

C. Proclamation- Designating the Month of May as Older Americans Month.

(Janice Mortensen, Sandoval County Community Service Manager and Ms. Rosanne Eakin)

Ms. Mortensen and Ms. Eakin presented and read the proclamation designating the Month of May as Older Americans Month. She discussed the difficulty COVID had on the senior program and the vaccination at the various senior center around the county. Commissioner Block good-humoredly stated the wording is offensive and should read experienced instead of older American's month. Commissioner Bruch thanked the Senior Programs.

7. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Due to the COVID-19 Emergency, Sandoval County Commissioners shall receive public comment regarding Agenda items exclusively by email at

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No Comments from the Public.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes from the Regular County Commission Meeting of April 15, 2021.

B. Approval of Minutes from the Special Meeting of April 21, 2021.

C. Authorization for the County Manager to Approve the Remote Access Agreement between Sandoval County and Zillow Group and Authorize the County Manager Approval of all Subsequent Amendments.

Vice Chair Meek made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Bruch. Commissioner Bruch, Commissioner Block, Commissioner Eichwald, Vice Chair Meek and Chair Heil voted yes. Motion passed unanimously.

9. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ASSESSOR

(Linda Gallegos, County Assessor)

Assessor's Annual Report presentation to Sandoval County Commission.

Assessor Linda Gallegos, Chief Deputy Assessor Richard Shanks, and Chief Assessment Officer Edward Olona presented the annual report as required by statute.

Chairman Heil and Commissioner Block asked several questions. Assessor Gallegos, Chief Assessment Officer Olona, and Chief Deputy Assessor Shanks answered the questions posed by members of the Commission.

10. COUNTY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

(Dora Dominguez, Director)

Director Dora Dominguez presented and County Financial Advisor Mr. Rob Burpo telephonically requested for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 5-6-21.10 authorizing a notice of publication of the Commission's intent to consider an ordinance approving a Local Economic Development Act project for Intel.

Commissioner Block asked a few questions and Mr. Burpo said he would contact Intel to provide the answers to the Commission. Commissioner Block thanked Director Dominguez, the County Manager and Mr. Burpo.

Commissioner Eichwald mentioned the significance of the Intel expansion and thanked the County staff and the Commission for supporting this.

Vice Chairman Meek made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Block. Commissioner Bruch, Commissioner Block, Commissioner Eichwald, Vice Chair Meek and Chair Heil voted yes. Motion passed unanimously.

11. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER

(Wayne Johnson, County Manager)

County Manager Johnson requested for a Motion to provide Sandoval County's proposed Zero-Tolerance Drug Policy to all collective bargaining units prior to final action at the June 17, 2021 Board of County Commissioners' meeting. During extensive discussion the Commissioners asked several questions directed to the County Manager and County Attorney and County Manager Johnson and County Attorney Hammer answered the Commissioner's questions.

Vice Chairman Meek made a motion to approve the notice, seconded by Commissioner Block. Commissioner Bruch, Commissioner Block, Commissioner Eichwald, Vice Chair Meek and Chair Heil voted yes. Motion passed unanimously.

12. DETENTION CENTER

(Gilbert Armendariz, Warden)

Deputy Warden Chris Urbanic requested for a Motion to Approve the Professional Services Agreement between Sandoval County and Wizer Electric for Air Duct Commercial Cleaning and Authorize the County Manager Approval of all Subsequent Amendments.

Commissioner Eichwald made a motion to approve the Professional Service Agreement, seconded by Commissioner Block. Commissioner Bruch, Commissioner Block, Commissioner Eichwald, Vice Chair Meek and Chair Heil voted yes. Motion passed unanimously.

13. SANDOVAL COUNTY COMMISSION

(David J. Heil, Chairman)

Chairman Heil requested for a Motion to Approve a Resolution to Support and to Participate in the Future Sandoval Program and Authorize the County Manager to enter into any necessary agreements and amendments. Chair Heil stated wording needs to be corrected in the attached resolution it reads Future Sandoval and should read Upscale Sandoval.

Commissioner Eichwald made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Vice Chairman Meek. Commissioner Bruch, Commissioner Block, Commissioner Eichwald, Vice Chair Meek and Chair Heil voted yes to approve the resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Block made a motion to amend the resolution to change the word Future Sandoval to Upscale Sandoval, seconded by Commissioner Eichwald. Commissioner Bruch, Commissioner Block, Commissioner Eichwald, Vice Chair Meek and Chair Heil voted yes to amendment. Motion passed unanimously.

14. DIVISION OF PLANNING & ZONING

(Kym Dicome, Director)

Director Kim Dicome requested for a Motion to Approve Vacation of Public Utility Easements by Community Sciences Corporation, Agent for Terry Woods (VAC-21-005) on Lots 27 & 28, Block 11, Unit 4 of Rio Rancho Estates located on 28th Street

Commissioner Block made a motion to approve the Vacation of Public Utility Easements, seconded by Commissioner Eichwald. Commissioner Bruch, Commissioner Block, Commissioner Eichwald, Vice Chair Meek and Chair Heil voted yes. Motion passed unanimously.

15. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Bruch discussed the outdoor equity fund for local youth. The grants run from \$1,500 – \$20,000 dollars. The grants are available to various government and nonprofit entities and can be found on the NM State Economic Development website.

Commissioner Eichwald wished all the mothers a happy Mother's Day.

Commissioner Eichwald asked about the summer youth program and hopes to see the program be implemented this summer.

Vice Chairman Meek recognized teachers and acknowledged the Sheriff's Office and the Intel Development.

Commissioner Block discussed liberation day in the Netherlands and wished his friends a Happy Liberation Day to the Dutch.

Chairman Heil wished all mothers a happy Mother's Day.

16. COMMISSION VOTE ON USE OF DIGITAL SIGNATURES AND SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS.

None

17. ADJOURN

Commissioner Block made a motion to Adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bruch. Meeting adjourned at 8:06p.m.

DONE IN BERNALILLO, NEW MEXICO, COUNTY OF SANDOVAL, THIS 20 DAY OF May, 2021

COUNTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN

VICE CHAIR

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

COUNTY ATTORNEY

MEMBER

MEMBER

MEMBER